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Applicant: Bahramian et al.
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE, TO ACCOMPANY
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiners and the Practice Specialist for telephone conferences during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks, to accompany the enclosed Request for Continued Examination. This amendment supercedes the amendments filed on Aug. 24, 2001 and Sept. 10, 2001.

Prior to issuing an Office Action, other than a Notice of Allowance, on the accompanying Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants seek an interview with Examiners Peter Paras, Jr., Deborah Clark, and Practice Specialist Brian Stanton.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-10, 12, 19-21, 26-27, 50 and 52, and amend claims 11, 17-18, 22 and 24 as follows: